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The latest Septuaginta-Quinquennial News!

"Joshua" brings a new vision.

Exploring the ties that do not bind... Dr. Stephen Sirridge co-authors a book.

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Golfers share the green... Zarda makes us outstanding in our field... enrollment goes up ...and advertising sits down.

It's all inside!

Homecoming 1991

Thanks to the hard work of the 1951, 1966 and 1981 class committees, the Avila College 75th Jubilee Homecoming Weekend was a success. There was so much happening on October 4,5, and 6 that you may not have seen it all, so here's a sampling of the sights, sounds, tastes and memories of Homecoming 1991:

Some of you saw Sister Colette's wonderful petunia painting exhibit or laughed at "Noises Off'. Some of you listened to alums John O'Connor, Edith Messina, Marietta Parker and Nancy Sullivan tell about their professions and beliefs, and some of you shivered through the soccer game, becoming the first to spy the Avila Eagle's maiden flight. Some of you savored a delicious dinner from Smokestack while listening to golden oldies. Some of you joined together for homecoming Mass and brunch, listened to songs from past musicals, and celebrated Jeanne Collins Thompson's (class of '54) recognition as Alumna of the Year.

Who were those strange, but well-dressed, ladies from the class of '41?

All of you seemed to have a good time, but three of you looked a little stiff. Three lavishly attired ladies created quite a stir at the brunch though they themselves seemed quite incapable of stirring even the least bit. They were seated at a table reserved for the class of 1941, but they didn't speak to each other or touch their food. They were, in fact, mannequins borrowed from J. C. Penney and dressed by Avila's theatre department to honor Avila's phantom 50-year class.

In 1941 the institution that eventually became Avila College changed from the two-year Saint Teresa College to the four-year College of Saint Teresa. Thus, there was no graduating class in 1941. Another historic moment from the Avila College Septuaginta-Quinquennial!

Avila in the news...

A quick look at Avila people and programs in the media.
Here are some of the stories you may have missed:

K.C. Star recognizes Anniversary.

The *Kansas City Star*'s Saturday, August 31 religion page featured a 6-column story about Avila's 75th Anniversary with special attention to the Septuaginta-Quinquennial's Jubilee Week activities in September.

"We are excited about the opportunity to invite the Kansas City community to share in this anniversary year, and it gives us an opportunity to share what the college has contributed to the community," said Dr. Larry Kramer, college president, in the article. "It also gives us an opportunity to express appreciation to the Sisters of St. Joseph for their sponsorship of the college for the past 75 years," he said.

The feature included a brief history of the college and plans for Jubilee Week, A Walk Through History, and a spring event. It also mentioned Avila's increase in full-time enrollment.

Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, president emerita, spoke of the sisters' contributions. "We need to be cognizant of the fact that Avila is here today because of the spirit these sisters have shown since they came from France and stepped foot on American soi."

One last habit...

On Sunday, September 22, the *Kansas City Star*, continued its coverage of Avila's Anniversary with photos and comments by society editor Laura Hockaday. Alums Pat Cronin Hardin, Bob Hardin, and Julie Waters McManus were shown along with Sisters de La Salle McKeon and Olive Louise Dallavis, and Board of Trustees chair Tom Zarda and his wife Mickey, enjoying the Jubilee Week kickoff festivities.

Hockaday's write-up included an interview with Sister de La Salle, chair of the 75th Anniversary Committee, about the good old days, prompting this quote about the post-Vatican II change from habits to suits. "I was one of the last to break down (to discard the habit)," she told Hockaday. "The nuns usually changed over on Sundays. Everyone would watch to see who would be next. The laundry was a lot easier with the new length."

Ingram's enjoys the name game.

The October *Ingram's* devoted nearly an entire page of it's "Upfront" section to the naming of Avila's anniversary. As readers of the last issue of *Accent* will recall, the search for the Latin term took several days and staff members. *Ingram's* told pretty much the whole story, including the calls to the New York Public Library and the temptation to call off the quest just before a local Latin instructor came to the rescue. The piece was illustrated with a floral greeting card bearing a salutation even Hallmark probably hasn't thought of: "On your Septuaginta-Quinquennial..."

Star Magazine captures Keegan's duality.

The October 13 *Kansas City Star Magazine*'s Snapshot column used "From Babylonia to tomorrow" to headline a feature on Avila art coordinator Dan Keegan. The lead sentence was no less dramatic than the headline.

"Dan Keegan is an artist who straddles the centuries," wrote *Star* reporter David Goldstein. "One moment he's shaping a vase at a potter's wheel, an art as old as ancient Babylonia. The next his fingers are in the 21st century, flying across a computer keyboard to create a graphic design for a magazine."

"I've got a split personality," joked Keegan.

The article discussed Keegan's interest in merging his two artistic disciplines and described his recent attempt at just that by using a Macintosh computer to manipulate a sketch into the correct proportions from which he would later create a sculpture. "It's sort of completing the loop for me," Keegan told Goldstein. "It's the first time I've actually seen the two ideas come together, and it's opened up new possibilities."

Keegan's boyish sensibilities came through when asked how he likes working in two diverse modes of artistic expression. "I love the fact that I've got one foot in this ancient medium and another in this cutting-edge technology," he said. "I mean, gee, how many people have that opportunity?"

Kay Jones listens intently to Glenn Hanson during her interview.

Limelight finds 61-year old senior.

Glenn Hanson of WDAF TV-4 News did a terrific segment on Kay Jones, a nontraditional Avila student, for his regular Wednesday feature on the over 55 set just after Labor Day. Hanson and a cameraman spent an afternoon on campus with Jones, following her into classes and visiting with her teachers. The resulting story included kudos from Jones's younger classmates, and praise from Dr. Laura Sloan, chair of the education/psychology department.

When Hanson asked Jones what she would tell a school principal if asked why he should hire a 61-year-old, first-time teacher straight out of college, she replied with customary spunk and conciseness. "I'd tell them that you can't hire anybody with more experience with teenagers than me," she said. "And you can't get a better value for your dollar than to hire me."

More tube time.

Other recent broadcast debuts included John Armato, director of community relations, and Sister de La Salle McKeon, professor of music, on KSHB TV-41's Julie Lux show on September 4th to promote the college's anniversary kick-off event.

A few weeks later Dr. Dan Larson, chair of the humanities department, appeared on a cable television show to discuss Avila's new Arts At Avila program. You can read more about that elsewhere in this issue.

And finally, Marlene Mohs, assistant director of admission, was shown on a WDAF TV-4 news

Jeanne Thompson spoke to 237 alumni...

... and received her award from Dr. Kramer.

Gertie Myers '56 addresses her fellow alums.

Mary Gordon shares a memory at Homecoming 1991.

Planning Avila's Septuaginta-Quinquennial

A Walk Through History will commemorate Avila's 75-year evolution.

Avila College's second Septuaginta-Quinquennial event, A Walk Through History, will take place on Sunday, December 8, 1991 and will progress through three locations. The celebration will consist of several stops at important landmarks in Avila's history.

First will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception near Quality Hill in downtown Kansas City, where the Sisters of Saint Joseph founded a private school for girls.

Next, High Tea will be served from 4-6:30 pm at Saint Teresa's Academy, the original site of the College of Saint Teresa, 5600 Main Street, which eventually became Avila College. Guests will be treated to refreshments, a musical reception, and guided tours of campus buildings. They also will receive a commemorative book tracing Avila's timeline from 1916 through 1991.

That evening will feature a Christmas concert by the Avila College Symphony Orchestra and Choir at 7:30 pm at the present Avila College campus at 11901 Wornall Road. The day will conclude with a champagne reception in the lobby of Goppert Theatre.

The Mass of Thanksgiving and Christmas Concert are free. The High Tea is $20 for one person, or $35 for two.

All Sisters of Saint Joseph, Priests and Bishops are invited to be guests of Avila College at these events at no charge. All clergy are invited to concelebrate.

Gifts of $75 will qualify the giver as a 75th Anniversary Patron and includes admission for two persons to High Tea at Saint Teresa's Academy and all Walk Through History activities.

Reservations via the invitation reply card, the coupon on the back of this *Accent*, or by phone are requested to assist the college in planning these events. Checks should be sent to:

A Walk Through History
President's Office
Avila College
11901 Wornall Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64145-1698

For more information, call (816) 942-8400 extension 201.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1991

I am delighted to extend greetings to the students, administrators, faculty, and staff of Avila College as you celebrate its 75th Anniversary. Congratulations on this milestone.

Nothing better defines what we are and what we will become than the intellectual and moral education that we offer to our young people. Today, the quality of education goes a long way toward determining not only which students will succeed but also which nations will thrive in a world where more and more people are engaged in the pursuit of knowledge and of progress. That is why improving our Nation's educational system must be a priority for all Americans, and that is why I have initiated the America 2000 strategy. If our citizens are to have the knowledge and skills that they will need in order to enjoy full, productive lives, if America is to remain a leader in an increasingly competitive world, then our schools must achieve excellence.

For 75 years, Avila College has strived to do exactly that, providing generations of outstanding men and women with a high-quality, Catholic education. I commend your commitment to academic achievement and to service in the spirit of the Gospel.

Barbara joins me in wishing you a wonderful 75th anniversary celebration and continuing success in the years to come.

President George Bush recognized Avila's Septuaginta-Quinquennial with this letter.

Avila Night At The Royals

Sr. Olive Louise Dallavis and Dr. Larry Kramer threw out the first pitch of the Royals' September 13 game...

...and the Avila College Choir sang the National Anthem.

Kickoff is a success! And the numbers are in...

14,400 potato chips?

Avila College's Septuaginta-Quinquennial (75th Anniversary) Celebration began with one beautiful afternoon and nearly 700 guests at its Jubilee Week Kick-off and Picnic on September 4th.

Readings of proclamations, music, and theatrical scenes marking Avila's seven decades occupied the better part of an hour-and-a-half kick-off ceremony in Goppert Theatre. From there residents of the surrounding neighborhoods, friends, faculty, staff and students of the college moved into the campus quad for a full-blown community picnic.

Six hundred fifty-five people enjoyed, used, viewed, produced and/or consumed the following:

14,400 potato chips; 6,000 ounces of soda; 1127 hotdogs; 1125 hotdog buns; 959 "Disney Pops"; 800 packets of ketchup; 768 square inches of birthday cake; 725 paper plates; 620 pounds of ice; 500 packets of mustard; 150 pounds of baked beans; 7 antique cars; 6 proclamations; 6 hot air balloons; 3 changes of clothes *(several of the 800 packets of ketchup found their way onto the back of college president Larry Kramer's trousers - after he changed from his formal presentation attire.)*; 2 clowns; 1 circus organ.

Thomas R. Zarda Family Athletic Complex unveiled.

On September 28, 1991, the Avila College community, with the authorization of its Board of Trustees, took a special opportunity to express its appreciation and gratitude to Thomas R. Zarda, who underwrote the construction and furnishing of a new outdoor athletic complex for the Avila campus. The field was dedicated in the name of Mr. Zarda's family.

Dr. Kramer said the entire college community will enjoy softball, soccer, and baseball on one of the finest facilities in the metropolitan area through this generous gift.

Several businesses also contributed time and expertise to the project, including Tom Sanders, MMC Corporation; Max Rieke, Max Rieke & Brothers; Steve Fountain, Pepsi Cola General Bottlers; Oscar VanHoet, VanHoet Sod Company; Mike Van Lerberg, Kentucky Lawn Care; Gary Creten, J.G. Creten Basement contractors, Inc.; Frank Kurtenbach, Daktronics, Inc.; Albert Miller, M & M Masonry.

The dedication ceremony included the singing of the National Anthem by the Avila College Choir, and a special blessing of the complex by Father Mario Moscaritolo, comments by Zarda and Dr. Kramer, and a ceremonial lighting of the scoreboard by the Zarda family.

Avila's new scoreboard uses insertable signs to function for soccer, softball or baseball games.

$20,000 golfing, $58,000 talking!

The Eighth Annual Avila College Golf Classic was held on Tuesday, September 24 at Deer Creek Golf Club. Over a hundred golfers hit the links to have fun and generate over $21,000, pushing the endowed alumni grant scholarship fund to over $70,000 in the process.

Thirteen Avila students are receiving $500 per year ($250 per semester) from this fund. Without the support of 4 Patrons (@$1000), 1 Practice Green Sponsor (@$750), 10 Hole Sponsors (@$500), 2 Green Sponsors (@$300), 2 Beverage Cart Sponsors (@$250), 2 Cart Sponsors (@$100), 104 golfers (@$130), and 28 in-kind gift donors, this event would not have succeeded.

Gratitude is due the 1991 Eighth Annual Avila College Golf Classic Committee, Mary Ellen and Dan Clark, chairpersons, Donald Brain, Sr., H. Marshall Chatfield, Betty Cornelius, Dan Haake, Sandra Holton, Mark Mooney, Howard Schwantes, Dan Sudeikis and Ken Woodward, committee members.

More alumni participated in this year's tournament than ever before in the history of the event.

Also during September, over 150 alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and students participated in the Fall 1991 Annual Phone-a-thon for student scholarships.

The advancement office created a phone-a-thon center in Marian Centre where volunteers reached over 6,000 alumni and friends of the college and asked them to participate in the 75th Anniversary campaign by contributing $75 or more to the Avila Scholarship fund. Over $58,000 was pledged.

Phone-a-thon chairperson Phil Bryde, and co-chair Erin Gibbons did a terrific job of recruiting and motivating other volunteers and keeping the lines buzzing.

Full-time enrollment up nearly 12 percent.

Enrollment figures as of September 23, 1991 showed an increase of 60 full-time students over enrollment figures from the same period last year.

Total full-time enrollment on the 23rd was 579, compared to 516 on September 26, 1990 - an increase of 11.3 percent. Total on-campus enrollment on the 23rd was 1290.

Residence hall students numbered 150.

Dr. Larry Kramer, president, attributed the enrollment increase to increased community awareness of the college and its strengths, the growing impact of Avila's 6,500 local alumni in the metropolitan area, and the attractiveness of Avila's programs, services and financial aid programs.

"We've invested substantial resources in various academic and support services over the past two or three years," he said, "and the community is seeing the pay-back on that investment. The college sees it through increased enrollment, and the students see it through enhanced instruction."

Enrollment at Avila College looks good for next year as well. As of September 23rd the college admission office had nearly twice as many prospective students on its rolls as the previous year.

$13 million impact.

A recent study by the Kansas City Regional Council for Higher Education estimated the total economic impact of Avila College on the economy of the Kansas City metropolitan area in 1988-89 to be more than $13 million.

Nearly 50 percent of that amount - or more than **$6 million** of the Kansas City metropolitan area's economy - was a *direct* result of spending by Avila College, its students, employees, and visitors.

The study also shows that Avila College and its associated business volume generated 554 full-time jobs in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Mending men's ways...

A framed needlepoint depicting icons of psychology, including a book inscribed "Freud", hangs above a cluttered desk. It and room-long shelves sagging with psychology texts sandwich associate professor of psychology Dr. Stephen Sirridge in his office.

Sirridge leans back in his chair, glancing at a jar on his filing cabinet marked "warm fuzzies," and describes noticing what he and a colleague call a "crisis of relevance" in many of his male patient's lives several years ago. "Men in their 30's and 40's were saying 'is what I've strived for up to this time worthwhile?'" he recalls.

"We were also getting a group of men in their late 40's and 50's - they have grown sons and aren't speaking to them. They have terrible relationships," he says. Eventually, those terrible relationships led Sirridge to co-author *Like Son, Like Father — Healing the Father-Son Wound in Men's Lives*, with fellow psychologist Dr. Greg Vogt.

Sirridge and Vogt are self-described "psychodynamic psychologists." Their premise is that typical American males lack good male role models as well as good communication between the males of different generations. Consequently a number of men's problems stem from bad relationships with their fathers.

The book began about two years ago when Sirridge and Vogt collaborated on a series of presentations to state mental health associations on the psychological dynamics of the father-son role. They were encouraged by the response to their workshops and, noting the lack of discussion about men in traditional psychology literature, decided to put their thoughts on paper.

One year and nearly 20 rejections later, Sirridge and Vogt sold those thoughts to Plenum Publishers in New York. It released *Like Son, Like Father* nationwide in October. In Kansas City, it is available at Borders Book Shop, Bennett Schneider, Whistlers, and The Creative Mind.

The aim of the book is to increase men's understanding of the importance of their role as models to their sons and daughters.

Sirridge credits the trend in the so-called "men's movement" in helping to attract a publisher.

Although he expects men to buy the book in search of a deeper understanding of themselves, the biggest audience may be women trying to understand their fathers, sons and mates, he said.

What the reader won't find are instructions for stripping away macho masks and helping men to "get in touch with themselves," said Sirridge. It isn't necessary for a group of would-be sensitive men to meet in sweat lodges, pound drums, scream primal screams, shed tears and hug each other for the sake of "healing the wound."

"That may be fine for some, but not everybody has to go through the transformational healing group experiences," said Sirridge.

Intergenerational gender gaps, the search for role models, coming to grips with interpersonal romantic relationships, and out-of-control parenting, all can be improved by examining the father-son relationship, said Sirridge.

He glances from his desk to his guest seated in one of the office's three director's chairs. "Part of it had to do with my own personal odyssey," he said, "and part of this book is an attempt for me to work through some of that."

Arts At Avila brings groups together.

A birthday celebration should celebrate the future, not just mark the passage of time. So during its 75th Anniversary, Avila unveiled an exciting new organization for lovers of good entertainment and art.

"Arts At Avila," invites participants to enjoy attractive pricing and membership "perks" while sampling the wide variety of cultural offerings available on campus throughout the year.

"It brings together the Goppert Theatre, Thornhill Gallery, and the Avila College Symphony Orchestra and other music programs into a 'cultural triumvirate' which will enhance all of these cultural areas, and make them more accessible to the public," said Dr. Dan Larson, chairman of the humanities department.

If you have ever seen a Goppert Theatre production, visited a Thornhill art exhibit, attended an Avila concert, or think you might like to (and you should!), consider supporting Arts At Avila at one of three levels, each of which provides special recognition and pricing benefits. They are: Friend of the Arts ($30), Sponsor of the Arts ($50), and Patron of the Arts ($100).

For more information about "Arts At Avila," or to receive a calendar of cultural events, contact Dr. Dan Larson, (816) 942-8400, extension 289.

Steer Dinner set for March 14 at Ritz-Carlton.

The 1992 Dinner Committee for Avila's 16th Annual American Royal Steer Dinner Auction held its first meeting in August at Indian Hills Country Club.

The committee of 16 community leaders oversee the purchase and sale of tables and gather prizes.

"We are fortunate to have such a strong planning committee this year, " said Pat Martin, director of development and coordinator of the annual event. "We have a good balance of returning committee members who know what has worked well in the past, as well as new people who will bring fresh ideas to the planning process."

This year's Steer Dinner will feature an expanded format which will include a silent auction. "We'll keep doing the things that keep the evening moving along and that people seem to enjoy, such as our timed mini-auctions," said Martin. "But we'll add a few surprises, too!"

Members of the 1992 planning committee are: Edna Bear, Betty Cornelius, Moe Courville, Vince DiCarlo, Barbara Falkenberg, Frank Gaeta, Mark Gardner, Bill Grigsby, Charles Kopke, Tom Leathers, Larry Lee, Steve Lewerenz, Joyce Middendorf, Una Strauss, Deanna Swenson and Bob Wormington.

Philomena Muntzel, long-time friend of the college and benefactor of recent Steer Dinners, was named Honorary Chairperson for 1992. In announcing the honoree, President Larry Kramer praised Mrs. Muntzel for her generosity and warm spirit.

Diversity is basic to MBA program.

Editor's note: Professionals continue to demand ways to further their education, improve their skills, and advance their careers. As the economy struggles to find its feet, jobseekers and their employed, but equally security-conscious, brethren are looking more and more to the master's in business administration degree as a way of fending off the unsettling changes they fear the future might toss at them, and as a way of preparing for the occasional but choice opportunity it's been known to lob as well. For readers with one eye on an advanced sheepskin, Dr. George Smith, director of Avila's MBA program, has prepared this overview of Avila's offerings.

By the end of the current academic year, the Avila MBA program will have over 400 alumni. They hold significant positions in almost every major organization in the Kansas City area and many are advancing their careers in such distant places as Florida, California, and Texas. Numerous overseas assignments also appear on the resumes of some.

The program, now in its 14th year, began with approximately 38 students and has grown steadily over the years to the approximately 150 students currently enrolled. More specifically, during the 1991 Fall Semester 146 students are participating directly in the program, with 16 additional pre-MBA students taking foundational courses while they await the results of the Graduate Management Admission Test so they may be re-evaluated in relation to the admission criteria.

Over the years excellent balance has been maintained in the composition of the persons participating in the program. Approximately half of them have undergraduate degrees in business and half from non-business fields, including engineering, mathematics/sciences, social sciences, education, nursing and the humanities. Classes are typically equally divided between men and women.

An average age of 32 indicates that many years of organizational experience is collected in each class. Another dimension of diversity in the MBA student body results from the fact that they represent over 100 different undergraduate institutions and about a dozen foreign countries.

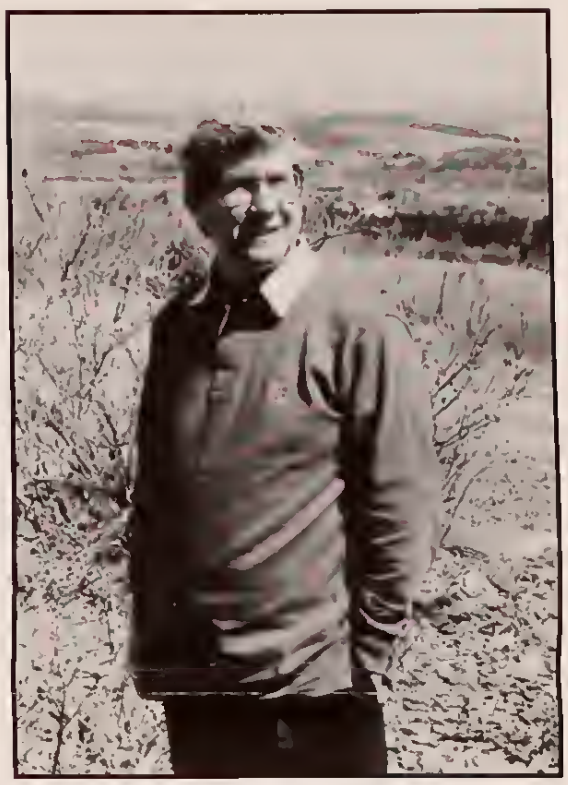
Two concentrations were offered when the program was initiated in 1978—general management and accounting. In response to demand, seven additional concentrations have been added to the program over the years, including marketing, finance, management information systems, operations, human resources, international business, and as of this semester, the newest—health care administration.

Best-selling author of *Joshua* brings *"A New Sense of Jesus"* to Avila.

On September 19, 1991, Fr. Joseph F. Girzone, author of the best-selling book *Joshua* presented a lecture at Avila College entitled "A New Sense Of Jesus."

More than 200 people attended the lecture and lingered well after it ended to shake Fr. Girzone's hand, request his autograph, and buy his books. All proceeds from the lecture benefited the Avila College Library Fund.

Fr. Girzone's lecture presented a modern day Jesus who gently walks into the lives of ordinary people. Answering the question "What would Jesus do today?" Fr. Girzone discussed a compassionate and forgiving Jesus who brings peace, joy and love — not fear and guilt.



Fr. Joseph Girzone, author of Joshua, spoke of a new sense of Jesus at Avila College.

Fr. Girzone retired from parish work in 1980 upon the advice of his doctor and turned to what he thought would be a quiet life as an author and philosopher. Instead, he created a religious best-seller that has captivated people from all walks of life, including General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who wrote a letter to Fr. Girzone at the height of the Gulf War in which he said:

"I read your book entirely in two days late at night when I was deeply in need of spiritual strength. Joshua brought that strength to me and has given me great peace of mind."

According to Girzone, only his retirement has

Choice, Direction, Experience, Success ads debut.

A new, multi-media advertising campaign for Avila College is underway. The newspaper, radio and television ads tout four Avila niches: choice, direction,experience, and success.

The ads use a director's chair to personify the four points. The first newspaper ad shows a chair with "Avila College" printed on the canvas back and explains the metaphor.

"A director's chair is not as fancy as other chairs, but, like a good educational institution, it focuses on the essentials of its function. It supports with efficiency and strength. It is occupied by choice, personifies direction, implies experience, and denotes success," says the ad.

The college commissioned a musical identity as well, and will use the new jingle with 60-second commercials on KLSI and KBEQ-FM radio stations. The jingle also uses the choice, direction, experience, success theme with Avila's "What college is meant to be" positioning statement.

The television spots feature a 30-second version of the jingle with quick cuts of the director's chairs and students.It will air on KSMO channel 62 and run through January.

"All of the images and words we use are designed to say that this experience of going to Avila College is about you," said John Armato, director of community relations. "We want people to check us out and then have a seat - at Avila."

Class Notes

1929
Mary Rose Hewitt celebrated her 81st birthday in September.

1949
Mary King's husband, Charlie, died last June. She has six children.

1950
Sister Rose Joseph Kennebeck is in her 12th year of teaching at St. Thomas More school in Munster, Indiana. She has taught for a total of 43 years!

1951
Ximena Cordovez Angotti is honorary consul from Ecuador in San Francisco. She has 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

Pat Jordan Curtis has been an administrator of a nursing home for 18 years. She has raised 4 sons and 1 daughter and now has 3 grandchildren.

Wilma Shelton Felts is recovering from foot reconstruction surgery. She has raised 4 children and has 5 grandchildren.

Jean Carrigan Howard is director of the Catholic Charismatic Center and Abba House of Prayer in Pueblo, Colorado.

Rita Olson Kersting has raised 7 children and has 11 grandchildren. She is an organist at a church and also teaches piano lessons.

Dorothy Wiggins has 1 son, 5 stepchildren, 13 grandchildren and 5 greatgrandchildren. She enjoys traveling and their mountain cabin.

1955
Beverly Humphrey Amor works at St. Joseph Hospital, Kansas City.

Edoline Martin Greene and husband, Norm, have retired to Florida where they are now beach bums.

1956
Cecilia Ann Zanotti's daughter is getting married.

1957
Mary Costa Tamboli has established an agency that serves hospitals and nursing homes with temporary nurses. She has also welcomed her first grandson, Nicholas Raymond Tamboli, born April 7, 1991.

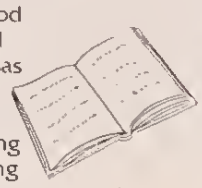
1959
Shirley Van Hoet is the mother of five children.

1962
Sr. Rose McLarney is a member of the General Council of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. This is an elected position for four years. Last year she went to Japan and Hawaii. This next year she will go to Peru and Chile.

1965
Alice Jean Warger is chairperson of science at St. Mary High School. She is in her 22nd year as sponsor of the Trojanettes' Pom Pom Squad.

Kathleen Kouba is working as a laboratory services representative for the Physicians Reference Laboratory in Overland Park, Kansas. She is working on a master's in public administration at the present time.

Julie Garwood was profiled in the "Kansas City Star Magazine" for her writing of best-selling historical romance novels.



Mary Kay Steiner Farrow will become president of the Gifted Association of Missouri at the National Association of Gifted Children held in Kansas City in November, 1991.

1966
Mary Jo Walker Campbell lives in Wilmette, Illinois and is office manager and R.N. for her husband's practice. She is actively involved in the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation and St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary.

Colleen Enna has lived all over the world. She is currently finishing her master of liberal arts degree.

Nancy Whelan Heyns has lived in many places. She received her master's degree in 1987. She is currently the program manager for Maternal Support at the Chippewa County Health Department.

Pamela Thompson Mershon teaches 4th grade. She received her master's degree in 1986 and has raised two children.

Jo Ann Saunders is a reading specialist teacher and will assume assistant principal duties at Visitation School.

Sister Barbara Schroeder, O.S.B. is an assistant principal in Little Rock. Her nickname is "Gopher" because her job keeps her hopping.

Mary Grace Sprague is a staff nurse on med-surg. She has 3 children.

Martha Staker is director of Project Eagle which is a comprehensive child development research project. She has 3 children.

Julie Trotter works in marketing at Xerox.

Mary Ann Judd Vujnovich markets aerospace short courses. She has 1 child.

1969
Eileen M. Gatliffe has just finished her master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology and has just moved to Colorado.

1970
Margaret (Peggy) Aziere Crowder became a grandmother on July 3rd for the first time. Her daughter Alicia and husband, Kevin, had a little girl, Caitlin Elizabeth.

Sr. Angela Marie Fitzpatrick, O.S.U., pastoral associate at St. Gabriel's Parish, Kansas City, Missouri, is celebrating her Silver Jubilee as an Ursuline Sister.

1974
Judith Ann Bagby is director of nurses in Overbrook, Kansas. Her daughter is a junior in college and her son, Nathan, is in high school.

1975
Cindy Diemler Kalaf is married with 3 children and is busy with responsibilities as neonatal outreach education coordinator and neonatal transport nurse as well as being active in church activities as choir member and lector. She would love to hear from other classmates of '75.

Sharon L. Jacobs has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Kansas Mental Illness Awareness Council, Inc. This organization of consumers helps set mental health policy and advocacy work in Kansas.

Duane B. Ranstrom, CDM is starting his second term as president of the Dietary Managers Association of Missouri. He is also their first legislative representative.

Christine Bersbach Raya is working at J.D. Reece Realtors in Kansas City. She volunteers here at Avila and at the Nelson Art Gallery and is directory editor for the Junior League.

1977
John P. O'Connor was featured in "The Kansas City Star Magazine" dated August 25, 1991. He is a defense lawyer. John spoke to alums at a Homecoming 1991 alumni class .

1978
Susan M. Carroll will welcome her first child, a son, due November 20, 1991.

1979
Susan Skelton works at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. She arrived home on March 16 after serving with the U.S. Army Reserve in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. She had left behind her husband, an 8 year old son and a new baby.

1981
Joseph Kenyatta is founder and director of Hacambee Associates, Inc., a culture specific program for chemically dependent persons of African descent.

Sharon Daly Adams works with her husband marketing environmental and education products. They have 3 children and have a fourth on the way.

Michael Buechle is a vice president with Citicorp in St. Louis. He and his wife, Susan, have two children.

Joy Meneilly Biard has two sons. She champions saving the earth and preserving prochoice .

Teresa Lovett Brent is a manager at Ferrellgas. She earned her master's degree in 1990. She has two children.

Susan Clevenger teaches nursing at Tulsa Junior College. She earned her master of nursing degree in 1986.

Mary Black Coleman lives in Georgia and has 3 children. She is starting her own business.

David Combs lives in Indiana and has one daughter. He is a sales training instructor for Bristol-Myers.

Colletta Dechant has lived in the Chicago area for 9 years. She and husband, Ron, have 3 children.

Lydia Denner has been traveling for the past 4 1/2 years doing contract for 3-6 month assignments in med/surg ICUs.

Paula Bureman Foveaux is a science instructor who has 3 children.

Glenn Gillihan works for Sprint and has 3 children. He lives in Olathe, Kansas.

Lisa Gioia lives in Voorhees, New Jersey and has her own public accounting business.

Ron Harland works for Xerox, has 2 boys, and believes in community involvement.
Hazel Anne Sites Hunt works for the Social Security Administration. She has one son.

Deborah Largo-Mesley works at Truman Medical Center in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Mary Mallow is assistant vice president and corporate trust officer at United Missouri Bank.

Joan McFadden has 3 grown children and 1 granddaughter. She works for J.D. Reece Realtors.

Brenda Stolbert Nelson has 2 children and is in the process of building a new home in Overland Park.

Clara Sweeten has a son and does a lot of volunteer work in Overland Park.

Dave & Sheri Potter have 2 children. Dave works at Hallmark and Sheri works at St. Joseph's Health Center.

Tami Robertson works for Physicians Reference Lab in Kansas City. She has 2 children.

Marjorie Sams-Dillon is a consultant with Fitzgerald Health Management Services. She is also active in professional nursing associations.

Cindy Steinzeig works in the legal department of Marion Merrell Dow and loves to play tennis.

Connie Hoedl Sullivan has 3 children. She works at Hallmark.

Robin Walsh works for a medical malpractice insurance company and is editor of a risk management magazine.

Bettye J. Wolfe-Day is a social worker at Western Missouri Mental Health Center. She has 2 children.

1982
Lynn C. Gosejacob is employed as a nurse counselor in the Adolescent Psychiatric Day Program at Barnes Hospital in Ballwin, Missouri.

Jim Giglione was recently promoted to Senior Customer Support Rep for the IBM Corporation in Kansas City.

1984
Nancy Sullivan, R.N., and her husband, Bernard Sullivan, a psychologist, own and operate The Creative Mind at 235 W. 47th Street. The store offers ways for customers to increase their self-esteem, change habits, tap their creativity, use humor to combat stress, etc. Nancy spoke to alums at a Homecoming 1991 alumni class.

Deborah Farris Ripper received her masters of art, secondary special education in May, 1990. She continues to teach

behavior disordered/learning disabled students in Raytown, Missouri.

Gail Majors is teaching primary at Our Lady of Peace school. Her only son, Matt, is a varsity yell leader at college.

1985
Margie Peart, who graduated in '85 and '91 passed all four sections of the May 1991 CPA exam the first time she sat for it.

Marlan VanV1eet has joined the faculty at St. Mary College in Leavenworth as a mathematics/computer science instructor.

Bobbi Herring was profiled in the "Independent" magazine because of her new position of executive director of The Central Exchange.

1986
Sandy Kapka is working part-time at Marsfield General Hospital in Mansfield, Ohio, as a nursing supervisor. She and husband, Rick, have three children, 11/2, 3 and 5.

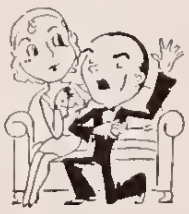
1987
Maria Meysenburg Fry is a R.N. on the mother-baby unit at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City.

Stella Estrada is currently a professional pharmaceutical sales representative for Berlex Laboratories, Inc., a subsidiary of Schering AG.

1990
George M. Bryde taught math in summer school at Bishop Hogan High School and will be joining the Peace Corps in November '91.

Weddings

Bernadette Stueve ('86) and Michael Maddock were married on July 28, 1990 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Overland Park, Kansas.



Deborah Farris ('84) married Richard Ripper on August 31, 1991.

Rozanna Jo Zaccagnini ('91) and Eric Bradley Thomson, were married on July 27.

Keri Michell Kluter ('91) and Scott Siegman were married June 1, 1991 at Belton United Methodist Church.
Mary Jane Kavanaugh ('86) and Michael James Lamb were married October 12, 1991 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa.

Laura Marie Hartley and Scott Alan Maxey ('91) were married October 26, 1991 at Birchwood Baptist Church in Independence, Missouri.

Donna Jeanne Babich ('86) and Philip Anthony Niblock were married on October 5, 1991 at Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa.

Marsha Ann Panek ('81) and Vincent Paul Gregg were married September 14, 1991 at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church.

Births

BreAna Alexis Dayton born to Robin Terrell-Dayton ('90) on August 2, 1991.

Jonathon Aaron Skuill born to Mary Skuill ('83) on March 24, 1991.

Hilary Surface born to Amy Baron Surface ('85) on May 24, 1991. She joins 2-year-old Ryan.

Taylor Marie Nassen born to Stacie Dodds Nassen ('86) on February 17, 1991. She joins older sister Chelsea.

Joseph Michael Purpura born to John C. Purpura ('83) on June 7, 1991.

Kelsey Anne Thompson born to Ramona Gatschet Thompson ('84) on September 19, 1991.

Lyndsey Nicole Thornhill born to Kimberly A. Praisewater ('88) and Stephen G. Thornhill ('87) on April 9, 1991.

Meghan Elizabeth Langsdorf born to Mary Cook Langsdorf ('82) on February 14, 1991.

Deaths

Margaret P. Reintjes ('50) died September 27, 1991.

Holly A. Mullins ('76) died August 31, 1991.

Roger J. Stevenson ('78) died September 29, 1991.

W. David Doolittle ('83) died October 7, 1991.

Heritage Club

As Avila College celebrates its 75th Anniversary, becoming a member of the Avila Heritage Club provides you the opportunity to say "thank you" for the positive impact the college made on your life.

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The new 1991-92 Avila College Eagle Sports Guide is hot off the press and jam-packed with rosters, photos, schedules and comments about what's hot on Avila's courts, fields and diamonds. Pick one up at any Eagles sporting event. If you can't wait, give us a call at (816) 942-8400 extension 353, and we'll make sure one lands in your mail box as soon as possible.

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Thinking of taking a class? Why not call the registrar's office for a copy of the Spring Semester Class Schedule? There's no commitment and the postage is on us. Call (816) 942-8400 ext. 209 for your free schedule today!

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Looking for something to do tonight? With a copy of the Arts At Avila calendar stuck to the frig you've nothing to worry about. Plays, concerts, and exhibits abound year round. Call Dan Larson, (816) 942-8400 extension 289 for your very own copy!

No Glues is Bad News...
Murphy's Law paid a visit to Avila's 75th Anniversary Walk Through History mailing. More than 10,000 invitations were printed and mailing lists were compiled to spread the word about the December 8 event. The printer delivered the job on time to the mailing services and all was right with the world. Until labels started dropping like flies.

The mail shop used the wrong adhesive on about 8,000 labels. While apparently stuck like the proverbial stamp on a letter when they came off the machine, the labels started popping their corks once the not-so-sticky-stuff was dry. Unfortunately, by then they were riding bareback in a letter carrier's bag.

Staff members reported that their labels fell off the minute they picked the invitation out of the box. Others simply never received one. Someone got a label, but no invitation.

Since we have no way of confirming how many invitations shed their name tags, and how many reached their destination, we are rushing this *Accent* to you to make sure you hear of the Walk Through History. But if you would like to receive a copy of the official invitation for your collection of things Avila, call (816) 942-8400 ext. 353 and we will see to it that you get one as long as our supply of extras holds out. We'll hand-address it.

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Urgent 75th Anniversary Message:

If you have not received an invitation to the Avila College Walk Through History, please take note...

A mail shop error may have caused an unknown number of invitations to Avila's 75th Anniversary "Walk Through History" event not to arrive at their destination.

According to John Armato, director of community relations, a professional labeling and mail handling company was hired to label and bulk mail more than 11,000 invitations to Avila College alumni, friends, students, and employees. Of those, more than 8,000 invitations apparently carried labels affixed with an incorrect adhesive, causing some of the labels to fall off in route. Therefore, some people on Avila's mailing list may not have received an invitation. Others might have noticed that the label popped off as soon as it was touched. The mailing company says it is not liable for any damages other than the cost of machine-affixing the labels themselves. Therefore Avila has tried to rush this issue of *Accent* to print in hopes of reaching those of you who may not have received an invitation.

Please read below for information about attending Avila's "Walk Through History" on Sunday, December 8, 1991.

Avila College Walk Through History Reply Card

Number attending _____ Names _____

Names _____

To help us plan for A Walk Through History, please check the events you will attend.

- ☐ I will attend the Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- ☐ I will attend High Tea at St. Teresa's Academy ($20 for one person or $35 for two).
- ☐ I will attend the Christmas Concert and reception at Avila College

To become a 75th Anniversary Patron or make your reservation for High Tea at St. Teresa's Academy, please check the box that applies and send your check with this card in an envelope to Avila College.

- ☐ I will be a 75th Anniversary Patron. My gift of $75 includes admission for two persons to High Tea at St. Teresa's Academy and all "Walk Through History" activities.*
- ☐ I will attend High Tea at St. Teresa's Academy
  My check ($20 for one person or $35 for two) is enclosed.

All Sisters of Saint Joseph, Priests and Bishops are invited to be guests of Avila College at this event at no charge
All Sisters of Saint Joseph are invited to process as a group into the cathedral. All clergy are invited to concelebrate
*Actual value of your patron gift for tax purposes is $50.00

For complete details on locations and times, see page 3

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